



CHILD SUPPORT EVADER JIMMY MATTHEWS

by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREG ABBOTT NEEDS



your help locating Child Support Evader Jimmy Matthews, one of the Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Matthews, who was added to the Child Support Evader's list in November 2011, owes \$164,466 for the care of his 16-year-old daughter.

The parents divorced in 2003 and Matthews was ordered to pay \$865 per month in child support. In 2004, the judge increased his payments to \$1,700 per month based on his earnings. Matthews, who had the ability to make his payments, did not follow the court's order to support his daughter financially.

As a result of his noncompliance, the Office of the Attorney General filed a legal action to compel Matthews' adherence to the order.

An enforcement hearing was set in February 2006, and an arrest warrant was issued after Matthews, who received proper notice, failed to appear. At the time, Matthews was behind on his payments by \$21,000.

Matthews was given many opportunities to honor his child support obligation without going to jail. Criminal charges were pursued after efforts to enforce the civil court order did not succeed. In April 2009, a Rains County grand jury indicted Matthews for felony criminal nonsupport and an arrest warrant was issued.

Matthews has not made a voluntary child support payment in more than six years. By refusing to provide the financial resources his daughter needs, Matthews has turned his back on her and violated the law. A combination of missed payments and interest that accrues on unpaid child support adds up to more than \$160,000 in unpaid child support Matthews now owes.

Investigators from the Attorney General's Office have searched the state for Matthews. His last known address was in the Irving area. He may be working for cash or self-employed to avoid garnishment of wages to pay child support. Contact the Attorney General's Office at (866) EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that may lead to the arrest of Jimmy Matthews.

Last Address Irving, TX
Occupation Investment Broker
Born 10/11/46
Height 5'8"
Weight 180 lbs.
Color of Eyes Brown
Color of Hair Brown/Gray
Race Caucasian

Texas law requires the Office of the Attorney General to publicly identify certain parents who are delinquent in the payment of child support. The Child Support Evaders are selected because they have the ability to take responsibility for their children, but refuse to do so. Incarceration is the only option for parents who repeatedly ignore court orders to pay child support. The Attorney General's Office helps parents who lack the ability to pay child support by referring them to job training and employment services. Visit the agency's Web site www.texasattorneygeneral.gov to find out about other Child Support Evaders, and to obtain information about the Attorney General's Child Support Division.

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POINTS TO REMEMBER



MOST WANTED EVADERS

For a parent to be named as a Most Wanted Child Support Evader:

- Court-ordered delinquent support must be in excess of \$5,000
- Arrest warrant must have been issued for nonsupport
- Location of noncustodial parent is unknown
- Parent has not made any payments in the last six months
- Noncustodial parent must not be involved in bankruptcy proceedings
- Noncustodial parent must not be receiving welfare benefits

In order to make child support information public, the custodial parent must sign a confidentiality waiver.

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